

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590 JAN 2 1 1993



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Reed Oslan, Esq. Kirkland & Ellis 200 East Randolph Drive Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Mr. Oslan:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 1993, regarding the Himco Dump Superfund Site in Elkhart, Indiana.

The authority to sign and submit to the <u>Federal Register</u> notices of intent to delete sites from the NPL and final notices of deletion pursuant to 40 CFR 300.425 (e) has been delegated by the Administrator to the Regional Administrator by U.S. EPA Delegation 14-17-A. Because that authority has been delegated to the Regions, U.S. EPA Headquarters has referred the petition submitted by Miles to Region V for consideration by the Region. The petition Miles submitted is being carefully reviewed by the Region.

You also reiterated your client's request for a meeting with U.S. EPA prior to the issuance of any ROD at Himco. After the Region completes the ongoing review of all the information already received, the Region will determine whether it needs any additional information, or any further explanation by Miles of its position, and whether the meeting you suggest would be appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

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